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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Masami KIDONO et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2615**

Serial No.: **09/614,725**

Examiner: **Brian C. GENCO**

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For: **ELECTRONIC IMAGING APPARATUS OPERABLE IN TWO MODES,  
WITH A DIFFERENT OPTICAL BLACK CORRECTION  
PROCEDURE BEING EFFECTED IN EACH MODE.**

Attorney Docket No.: **000871**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submits the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.